(b) The policy statement was approved by the appropriate authority.

Recommendations of the Expert Committee

2488. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that no decision has been taken on the recommendations of expert committee on Category-I drugs from November, 1988 to July, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines needed for National Health Programmes have gone up by more than 150 percent after the announcement of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987;

(c) what are the details of drugs which have not been included under price control so far which were identified by expert committee; and

(d) what was the price of each medicine based on each drug before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (c) This Ministry did not appoint any expert Committee for this purpose.

(b) and (d) Prices of drugs included in Category-I of the DPCO, 1987 are regulated as per provisions of the DPCO, 1987. Increase in prices varying from case to case has been allowed for some drugs.

Overcharging on Oxytetracycline

2489. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the notified/fixed price of Oxytetracycline and its salts as on 1st April, 1979 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of Oxytetracycline were revised subsequently ;

(c) if so, when and what were the revised prices for Oxytetracycline and its salts under DPCO, 1979 and when were these prices implemented ;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of Oxytetracycline and its salts ;

(e) if so, what was the production of each manufacturer after 1980 upto 1987, yearwise ;

(f) whether his Ministry has worked out the overcharged amount on this drug; and

(g) if so, what are the names of the companies, amount worked out in favour of each company and the price and quantity on which calculation was made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY(SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available are given below :—

Name of the bulk drug	Price prevailing as on 1-4-1979 (Rs/kg)	Subsequent revisions under DPCO 1979 (Rs/kg)
(1) Oxytetracycline Hcl	650.00	736.49 (28-1-1981)
		847.30 (13-7-1982)
(2) Oxytetracycline Base	650.00	839.54 (28-1-1981)
		920.44 (13-7-1982)
(3) Oxytracycline calium complex	650.00	785.91 (28-1-1981)
		851.86 (13-7-1982)

(d) and (e) The production of Oxytetracycline is maintained by this Ministry from 1982-83 onwards. The details of production to the extent available are given below :

(Unit. : Tonnes)

Name of the Company	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1. M/s. IDPL	49.72	20.50	49.20	58.60	6.30	29.10
2. M/s. Pfizer	69.85	84.49	86.40	83.54	69.55	91.52

(f) and (g) Detailed information shall be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha after the Special Team have completed all their work.

Royalty on Oil

2490. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria followed by Government in fixing the rate of royalty on oil for the States;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the Oil Fields Act, 1948 the rate of royalty is 20 percent of the price of the crude at the oil well head;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC and Oil India Ltd. sell crude oil at the rate of Rs. 2113.00 per tonne to the oil refineries; and

(d) if so, what should be the percentage of benefit to the concerned oil producing States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM